



## TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE JERRY PATTERSON, COMMISSIONER

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### MEDIA ADVISORY

## Major announcement Thursday on Christmas Mountains

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AUSTIN — Texas Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson will make a major announcement about the Christmas Mountains at a 9 a.m. press conference Thursday, Sept. 15.

The press conference will be on the ninth floor of the Stephen F. Austin Building, at 17th and North Congress Avenue.

The Christmas Mountains are a 9,269-acre tract of land in Brewster County, just north of Big Bend National Park. In 1991, the Texas General Land Office agreed to accept this tract as a donation from the Richard King Mellon Foundation into the Permanent School Fund. The donated property came with a strict conservation easement held by The Conservation Fund that insured long term conservation goals on the property.

Recently, Patterson and the National Park Service agreed to a permanent public easement on the land's shared southern border with Big Bend National Park, ensuring public access to the rugged terrain.

The press conference will be webcast at:

[http://www.glo.texas.gov/glo\\_news/webcasts/index.html](http://www.glo.texas.gov/glo_news/webcasts/index.html)

WHO: Jerry Patterson, Commissioner of the Texas General Land Office

WHAT: Major announcement about the Christmas Mountains

WHEN: 9 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 15

WHERE: [Stephen F. Austin](#) Building, ninth floor, Room 940A, 17<sup>th</sup> and North Congress Avenue

Note: Please use the building's EAST side entrance on North Congress Avenue and ask for a visitor's pass.

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